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	Examiner Phyllis G. Spivack	Art Unit 1614

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claim 11, drawn to a tablet, classified in Class 424, subclass 464+.
- II. Claim 12, drawn to a caplet, classified in Class 424, subclass 474+.
- III. Claim 13, drawn to a lozenge, classified in Class 424, subclass 435+.
- IV. Claim 14, drawn to a capsule, classified in Class 424, subclass 451+.
- V. Claim 15, drawn to a cachet, classified in Class 424, subclass 489+.
- VI. Claim 28, drawn to methods for forming a tablet, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- VII. Claim 29, drawn to methods for forming a caplet, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- VIII. Claim 30, drawn to methods for forming a lozenge, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- IX. Claim 31, drawn to methods for forming an encapsulated dosage form, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- X. Claim 32, drawn to methods for forming a cachet, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- XI. Claims 33-35, drawn to a compressible dosage form comprising an active cushioning component, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.
- XII. Claims 36-38, drawn to a method for preparing a compressible dosage form, classified in various subclasses of Class 424.

Claims 1-10 link inventions I to V. Claims 16-27 link inventions VI-X. The Restriction Requirement among the linked inventions is **subject to the nonallowance of** the linking claims, claims 1-10 and 16-27. Upon the indication of allowability of the linking claims, the Restriction Requirement as to the linked inventions **shall be** withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. **Claims that require all the limitations of an allowable linking claim** will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier. Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicants are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, the allowable linking claim, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other, for the following reasons:

Inventions VI-X, XII and I-V, XI are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different

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product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)).

In the instant case, each of the products is separately classified. Each of the claimed methods of preparation is drawn to a distinct endpoint. The product of Group I can be made by the process of Group VI or XII. The product of Group II can be made by the process of Group VII or XII. The product of Group III can be made by the process of Group VIII or XII. The product of Group IV can be made by the process of Group IX or XII. The product of Group V can be made by the process of Group X or XII. The processes of Groups VII-X do not make the product of Group I. The processes Groups VI and VIII-X do not make the product of Group II. Groups VI-X recite different method steps from that of Group XII. The products of Groups I-V differ from that of Group XI because they are anhydrous (lyophilized), whereas the product of Group XI contains water by virtue of having a water-absorbing (hygroscopic) material.

The Groups have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their their recognized, divergent subject matter. The searches required for each Group are not co-extensive resulting in an undue burden to the Examiner. Each Group is capable of supporting a separate patent. Thus restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicants are advised that to be complete, the reply to this requirement must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Further, the claims are generic to the following disclosed patentably distinct species: a placebo cushioning component and active-loaded particles, as disclosed in the instant specification. The species are independent or distinct because compounds having distinct functionalities are claimed. Applicants are advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that are elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicants are reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

The Examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder.

All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicants are advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the Examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Phyllis G. Spivack whose telephone number is 571-272-0585. The Examiner can normally be reached on 10:30 AM-7 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful after one business day, the Examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached at 571-272-

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0718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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